GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)the criteria fixed for setting up of National Institutes of Technology (NITs);

(b)the number of such institutes functioning in the country, State-wise;

(c)whether the Government proposes to open some NITs in the States during the current year;

(d)if so, the details of places selected for the purpose, State- wise;

(e)the time by which these institutes are likely to be set-up;

(f)whether recent controversy over Knowledge Commission may create obstacles in the upgradation and development of such educational institutes;

(g)if so, the details thereof; and

(h)the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURENDESWARI)

(a) & (b): In the year 2003, Government of India decided to take over 17 Regional Engineering Colleges (RECs) and upgrade them as National Institutes of Technology (NITs). Thereafter, on the request from the respective State Governments, three more Engineering Colleges namely Bihar College of Engineering − Patna, Government Engineering College − Raipur and Tripura Engineering College − Agartala were upgraded as National Institutes of Technology (NITs) in the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 respectively.

Presently 20 NITs, one each in following States are functioning in the Country:

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) to (e): In principle approval has been accorded to convert Manipur Institute of Technology, Imphal to NIT. There is no other proposal under consideration of the Government.

(f) to (h): Government is not aware of any such controversy.